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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Air Conditioning

40 U.S.C. 317, as amended, flatly prohibits spending any funds for air conditioning equipment except funds available to the Public Buildings Service or specifically appropriated for the purpose. PBS has no such funds. CIA has no specific appropriation for the purpose. A normal agency would be forced to request specific legislation. The Comptroller General states that unless we got specific legislation he would be forced to object to a vouchered expenditure of CIA funds. However, he has no objection to expenditure on the unvouchered side provided the key appropriations members of Congress approve of the expenditure. No money was budgeted for this purpose, and it will be necessary to draw from the reserve. The Bureau of the Budget has indicated willingness to release sufficient funds to air condition temporary buildings, although we are asking for sufficient funds to do the complete job. Public Buildings Service has indicated that if we move we could take with us temporary installations purchased out of our funds. The cost of installation in all buildings not now air conditioned would be \$950,000. The cost of air conditioning the temporary buildings would be approximately \$733,000.

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